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NEWS BRIEFS

Civilian jury fees cannot be waived

Civilian employees can not donate or waive fees from jury duty. IAW DODFMR 7000.14-R; Vol. 8; 051709 states: An employee serving on a jury in a state or local court who waives or refuses to accept jury fees is still liable to the U.S. Government for the fees he or she would have received.

Free tax-filing services available

Servicemembers and their families can obtain free tax assistance through a special military program. Visit the base tax center for free assistance in filling out tax returns, or access the Military OneSource Web site, www.militaryonesource.com. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, call 817.782.6397.

UTA support expanded

The Reserve Personnel Contact Center provides service during two UTA weekends in March. Counselors will assist customers March 1, 2 and March 8, 9. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Counselors can only be reached by calling 800.525.0102 or now through DSN 926.6528.



To secure a nation

Security forces assigned to units at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, pose at the 301st Fighter Wing's Air Park prior to deploying to Southwest Asia. Supportive community members handed out phone cards to 610th and 301st SF troops and their family members totaling more than \$7,400. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Laura Dermarderosian-Smith)

Dynamic duo receive finance awards

Staff Sgt. Kristin Mack Public Affairs

The 301st Fighter Wing finance office proved they have one of the Air Force Reserve Command's finest financial programs after taking two of the nine categories during AFRC's 2007 financial awards program.

Mr. Gerald P. Dale, 301st FW quality assurance manager was selected Financial Management Quality Assurance Manager of the Year. Mr. Salvador Talamo, a 301st military pay technician,

took in the coveted AFRC Financial Service Civilian of the Year for 2007.

Both awardees have completed superior accomplishments and dedicated service to earn these awards. Only positive praise came from co-workers and superiors alike regarding the accomplishments of these two individuals.

"Professionals like you make the rest of us looks so good," were the words Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st FW commander used concerning

Mr. Dale's nomination.

"Mr. Dale's upbeat attitude and professionalism was key to his success which led to this nomination," said Mr. Leroy Babin, 301st FW comptroller.

He came to the 301st FM office about six years ago through a palace acquire civilian program. As Mr. Dale's three-year term was coming to an end, the former quality assurance technician left,

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Choose to serve proudly, when, wherever possible

Col. Joylon Walker

301st Mission Support
Group Commander

First of all I'd like say how grateful I am to be the new 301st Mission Support Group commander. I have been overwhelmed by the warm reception I've received from those I've met.

I married in 1972, and enlisted in the Air Force a month later. My wife and I know no other life; we've been stationed or have traveled to five of the seven continents and all but two of the United States. This assignment will be our last before retirement and the "golden years." Again, I am/we are glad to be here.

I believe in taking advantage of Air Force training and educational programs. My Community College of the Air Force degree, which included Airman and NCO Leadership School courses, opened the door for my acceptance into the Reserve Officer Training Corp. Montgomery G. I. bill entitlements provided enough money for me to attend university while completing both my bachelor and masters degrees. I enrolled and completed Professional Military Education as soon as I was eligible for each level. Had I chosen not to attend colleges and universities, and take

Professional Military Education courses when eligible, I would not be Mission Support Group commander now.

Another choice we all have is how and where we serve. I qualified in three AFSCs as an enlisted member and have three officer AFSCs. I volunteered for remote enlisted and officer overseas assignments. I've moved twice as an Air Reserve Technician.

It certainly would have been less disruptive to my personal and family life to "homestead" at any of the places we've lived. My wife would have preferred that I not deploy to Saudi Arabia and to Central Command Headquarters in 2006. I know she would have rather had me home in 1984-1985 with her and our eight children (the oldest was 8, the youngest four months old) than being at Comiso AS, Italy. Be ready to serve when and where you can. You will make a difference.

I have had plenty of opportunity to become involved in questionable activities in the 35 plus years of my Air Force career. Too many times I've heard "What goes TDY stays TDY."

There is **one** standard in the



The new Mission Support Commander, Col. Joylon Walker, accepts the 301st MSG guidon from Col. Kevin E. Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, as Senior Master Sgt. Ben Combs looks on. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)

Air Force it applies to all of us, wherever we are. We have all sworn to abide by that standard. When we keep standards, opportunities are available to us. When we violate standards, we risk losing those opportunities. More than ever, we must choose to comply with guidelines, policies, and regulations. In my experience, when we chose correctly we gain personal and professional success.

I've seen and been a part of the Air Force transformation for the last three decades. In my opinion, now is one of the most critical times for the Air Force. We must choose to serve to the best of our ability, when and wherever and we can. In doing so, we protect our freedoms at home and around the globe.

I am proud to be an Air Force Reserve member in the 301st Fighter Wing.

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Survey gives wing a voice

Maj. Lara Rowlands

Military Equal Opportunity

As you know, this is an election year. It's full of opportunities to voice your thoughts, feelings and ideas about how things could be done differently. In that same election-year spirit, Col. Kevin Pottinger, 301st Fighter Wing commander, wants your feedback.

You have the chance to cast a vote and provide feedback to leadership, both positive and negative, about how things could be better and what is going well. Colonel Pottinger will obtain your feedback using the Defense Equal Opportunity Organization Survey (DEOCS).

This survey, taken by military and civilian personnel, measures two key areas: equal opportunity factors and organizational

effectiveness factors. Launch date for the DEOCS coincides with the March UTA. Prepare to see an email from Colonel Pottinger asking that you complete the DEOCS via an Internet site link.

In March, you can access the link at your Reserve duty desktop or you can choose to take it at home with the code provided to you by email. The survey takes 20 minutes to complete. The wing goal is 100 percent survey completion by Saturday of the May Unit Training Assembly. Within 72 hours of completion, the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (a third party neutral) provides Colonel Pottinger a report of trend data based on your responses. The DEOCS provides complete anonymity.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to provide insight into specific areas and ways we can collectively make the 301st Fighter Wing better!

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creating an opening in the finance section. He applied, got the position and has been described by co-workers as an asset to the finance office ever since.

"He has a very tough job as an auditor," said Mr. Babin. "He manages to train and service people and keep them smiling in the end."

Some of his major accomplishments, as noted on Mr. Dale's award package include:

- *An important instrument in the 99.9 percent execution of a 67 million dollar budget — both as FM asset and resource advisor — was right there to help execute 1.7 million dollars of Unfunded Request funds during the fiscal year's last 48 hours

- *Developed a tracking device for discrepancies found on time cards, which generated a streamline audit process

- *He was recognized by the 610th Security Forces Squadron for his staff assistance visit, which earned them an excellent rating in the Unit Compliance Inspection.

This was the first formal award for Mr. Dale. Mr. Babin first informed Gerald of this award and was had Colonel Pottinger present him a wing commander's coin.

"I was pretty shocked and pleased at the same time," said Mr. Dale. "AFRC is pretty competitive with all of the bases out there."

Mr. Babin said Gerald stood out because of his versatility. "He is always



willing to help members with anything they need; travel cards, resource advisor — he is a jack-of-all-trades."

His future plans include the continuation on this successful path. He would like to move into the budget office or the comptroller position eventually.

"I would like to broaden my horizons and try different jobs — I don't want to limit myself," said Mr. Dale.

His counterpart, Mr. Salvador J. Talamo, also had a successful year as the 301st Fighter Wing military pay technician. He received a lot of positive feedback from his superiors and customer's alike.

"Mr. Talamo worked late to finish with a customer before he left for school in the evening," said Mr. Babin. "He also did the job of three people for three-fourths of the year because of two vacancies we had."

His most notable accomplishments, as stated by the award committee, include:

- *Positive feedback from many of his customers praising him for the quick and efficient manner in which he resolved their military pay issues. This resulted in the deployed troops high morale, allowing the members to concentrate on their mission and not their pay issues.

- *He also processed 12,000 Reserve pay transactions with a 99 percent accuracy rate

- *Efficiently trained Reservists while backfilling for the AEF

- *And was a key player in the 926th FW New Orleans' transition and other base closures as the results of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

"This is a great example of total force," said Lt. Col. Bobbie Munsell, 301st Fighter Wing military comptroller. "We've always been able to hire good people and do what headquarters wants us to do. That's why we're able to keep the manning spots we have."

The 301st Fighter Wing finance office takes care of their people. Aside from the yearly awards through AFRC, they also have their own recognition program. They nominate someone every quarter and give them a plaque and money incentives explained Mr. Babin.

In conclusion, he commented that everyone in the office works very hard and deserves to win. He could have easily nominated them all.

"This is the largest Reserve finance office in AFRC and we are proud to be one of the best," said Mr. Babin.

Boredom brings Airman new found artistic freedom

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey
Public Affairs

Travis Roman is physically not a very big man, but the musical sounds he produces from deep within make him the envy of everyone who has tried to lay down a beat.

His self-taught 'beat box' skills have seen him win everything from military talent shows, to competing for a *Tops in Blue* spot, to his recent accolade of being selected to perform with the Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) group performing for combat troops in Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia.

Staff Sergeant Roman, an Air Reserve Technician working with the 301st Fighter Wing aircrew flight equipment section, was handpicked by AFE after they liked the demo he sent of some of his group's songs. *The Connection*, a two-man group formed within the last six months, pins Roman's beat box creativity with Dallas native, Grant Braudrick's, singer and song writer abilities.

"We met on 'Craigslist' after Grant posted that he was looking for someone who liked 'acoustic roots' brand of music. After meeting and talking for only a short time, the connection was quickly made and we instantly starting writing, producing, and performing our songs — in fact we're on stage performing nearly every weekend in the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

So how did a kid from Orlando, Fla., who had no formal music training, become so talented that he's performing on stage every



One of the things Staff Sgt. Travis Roman does during his shift is checks the quality of the equipment, the other is practicing his beat box skills — a talent he acquired out of boredom. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)

weekend? For Roman, it started with being bored.

"Well, not really, but my job with packing parachutes can be long and tedious — so one day, I just started making a beat with my voice while I was working — I slowly started getting good and the more I learned, the better I got.

In 2003, while on active duty at Beale AFB, Calif., he won the base talent show, then won the Worldwide talent show, but did not go with *Tops in Blue*

because they didn't have a spot in that year's show for his talent. He left active-duty shortly thereafter to pursue his college education and his work within the Reserve.

Inspired by old school artists like James Brown and Stevie Wonder to Ben Harper, Roman and Grant like to write music which appeals to all ages.

"And you can see that during our concerts, Grant said. "We've got everyone in the

audience from college students to middle age moms — it's great."

Grant, who comes from a family who supported and helped spark his musical ability, boasts he can play pretty much any stringed instrument from the six- and twelve-string guitar, to the ukulele and weissenborn. He even plays the piano, harmonica, and is working with learning the violin.

“One day, I just started making a beat with my voice while I was working”

"Roman and I make a great team in writing and producing to performing our music — joining together has made our musical talents even stronger," he said.

Getting the chance to travel overseas with AFE has also been the dream of a lifetime for *The Connection*. The two artists love to share their music with their fans and being able to encourage the troops allows them to both do that and to tell the troops how much they appreciate their sacrifice to this country. Roman, who has yet had to be deployed as a

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vMPF adds new self-service program

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The power to apply for your next home-basing and follow-on assignment will soon be literally at your fingertips.

Starting March 3, all active-duty enlisted members and officers, lieutenant colonel and below, who are slated to serve an unaccompanied tour of 15 months or less will have the ability to submit Web-based applications from any location worldwide, 24/7.

The new self-service application process is part of Air Force leadership's ongoing commitment to Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

"This change will help streamline the application process by eliminating paperwork and unnecessary trips to the military personnel element," said Letty Inabinet, chief of the assignment programs and procedures branch at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "Starting March 3, an Airman will be able to fill out the application online, and if eligible, the system will validate it on the spot and send it to AFPC for consideration."

Even though the HB/FO assignment program will be Web-based, the benefits remain the same.

Home-basing assignments offer Airmen an assignment back to the same continental U.S. location, or long-tour location in Alaska or Hawaii, from where they left. Follow-on

assignments offer Airmen assignment consideration to a preferred CONUS location or the overseas long-tour location of their choice. Airmen can choose up to eight CONUS locations and up to eight overseas choices.

For convenience and accessibility, the application will be made available March 3 at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, Web site <https://www3.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>. The program's guidelines are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2110, *Assignments*. Applicants are encouraged to thoroughly read the sections on entitlements and restrictions before submitting their application.

For more information, visit the AFPC "Ask" Web site <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil>; search for "Expanded Permissive". For more information, call the 24-hour Air Force Contact Center at 800.616.3775.

Recruiting Service seeks applicants

The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is now seeking applicants to fill recruiting positions in locations across the globe. In addition to finding qualified applicants for careers in the Air Force Reserve, a recruiter interacts with the community and serves as a representative of the Reserve 24 hours a day.

The application process begins with a face-to-face interview with the

local senior recruiter. If qualified, a packet will be completed, to include a current physical. The packet will then be sent to AFRC headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to the recruiter selection board for evaluation.

If selected, applicants attend a five-day course to be evaluated on their potential to become a successful recruiter. During this course, candidates will undergo an open-ranks inspection, participate in physical training, give speeches and complete memorization work. Challenges are progressive. The top candidates are afforded the opportunity to attend the recruiter class.

For more information, contact the local Air Force Reserve recruiter or senior recruiter in your area, or call the training NCO at headquarters, DSN 497.0630 or commercial 478.327.0630.

Summer jobs available at Air Force bases worldwide

Students and certain other eligible persons can gain marketable skills and earn money while enjoying their summer vacations with the Air Force Summer Hire Program. Job vacancies will be posted on the USA Jobs Web site at <http://www.usajobs.gov>. These temporary jobs will run from May through September.

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reservist said he didn't expect his first war zone experience to be as an entertainer, but at least he said he wouldn't have to spend time living there in a tent "although we have not been told of our living arrangements — maybe we will," he said jokingly.

According to the young performers, the AFE has often been mistaken for the USO which is known for showcasing big names like Bob Hope in World War II to more recently headlining Kid Rock and other big-time performers. The AFE focuses on new performers

helping to give them an audience forum they might not have had on their own.

Family and friends have also joined in *The Connections* recent fame with their encouragement and support. "Our families couldn't be happier with the opportunities we are receiving," Roman said. "They want us to be safe but have a good time as well."

The two have also written a military song entitled, "The Land I Love" which, according to them, is a powerful message they will premier during their trip.

"This is a chance of a lifetime — we're definitely going to give our best for the troops!"



The slogan, "Above All", is part of a new recruiting and awareness campaign that launched Feb. 24 and is featured on television, in print and online. In addition to being shown at several sporting events, "Above All" ads will be seen in magazines and during commercial breaks on many top-rated commercial and television news and entertainment programs. (www.airforce.com)

Remember: God is working it out

Tech. Sgt. George Jones
301st Fighter Wing
Chaplain's Team

Many of us don't understand why things happen in our lives. Some of us in the past have had some very negative and extremely hurtful things happen to us. Events which may have left us wondering, "How can a God who is so just, loving, kind and righteous allow such a thing to happen to me? In times like this, it is very difficult to remember that God has the "master plan" or "blue print" for your life; a plan individually designed for each one of us.

The Bible says God knows the number of hairs on our head. He knows us better than we know ourselves. God knows what it will take to move, stimulate, activate, or motivate each of us. Ultimately He knows what it will take to move us into the position that He would have for us.

Therefore, God allows those unpleasant things (trials, storms) to come in our lives because He is just trying to perfect and direct us. *1 Peter 5:10* says, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish,

strengthen, settle you".

Sometimes God allows suffering, trouble, and trials for the perfecting of the saints. But I want you to know you can have an assurance in God, because He promised never to leave you nor forsake you.

In *Psalms 37: 25-26*, David said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed."

In our text, we find Paul writing to the Romans. He was encouraging them in the faith. In that time, if you were a Christian you could be subject to persecution or attack, for the name Christian, or to be called a Christian, was considered a slander by the non-Christians.

Contrary to popular belief, Christian was not a title that was made up by those who loved Christ, but it was by those who utterly opposed Him. However, the Christians in that time were not offended because it associated them with the one who was able to deliver them. It identified them with Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah, the one who died for them, rose for them, was exalted for them, and intercedes for them.

Therefore, we find the Apostle, Paul, encouraging them. Paul wanted them to know everything that you experience in life, including all the

struggles, pain, frustration, heartaches, disappointments, and suffering you may enter into your life, God will use them and work those situations out for your good.

There's a saying, "It's all good." God knows all things because He is omnipotent; God sees everything because He is omnipresent; He has experienced everything that you could possibly experience in life, through his son, Jesus. God rules all things, made all things, is in control of all things, and is working all things together for your good. Always remember, "God is working it out."

In the Old Testament, I'm reminded of how God was using all the events of Joseph's life to get him where He wanted him to be. Joseph went from the cisterns of slavery to the governor in the palace.

In *Genesis 50:19*, Joseph asked the question, "Am I in the place of God?" Focusing on the life situations of Joseph, God uses situations, situations which may to us seem negative, to mold us ultimately into what God wants us to be.

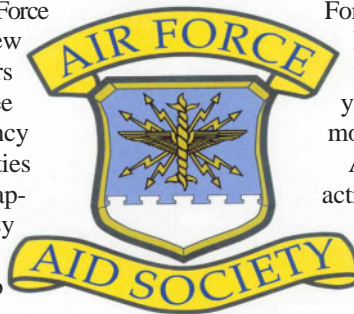
I want you to understand, there is no problem, no situation that can or will occur in your life that God cannot handle. All you have to remember is God is working all things together for the good of them who love the lord and are called according to his purpose.

Air Force Aid Society provides alternative to payday loans

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN)—Air Force Aid Society officials are pleased to announce the new Falcon Loan program available to Air Force members beginning March 3. A Falcon Loan is an interest-free loan of \$500 or less that can be used for emergency needs such as basic living expenses — rent, utilities and food — car repairs, emergency travel or other approved needs. Applying for a Falcon Loan is as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Download the application from the AFAS Web site at <http://www.afas.org/>.
2. Get your ID card and current leave and earnings statement
3. Go to your Airman and Family Readiness Center

To be eligible for a Falcon Loan, you must be an active duty Air Force member or spouse with power of attorney stationed at an Air



Force base with an A&FRC, and cannot have a current Air Force Aid Society loan. You will be expected to repay your Falcon Loan by allotment within 10 months or by your estimated-time-of-separation date if less than 10 months.

Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel activated on Title 10 orders at the time of application are eligible for a Falcon Loan as well.

The Falcon Loan is a complement to the AFAS's standard emergency assistance loan/grant program. Receiving a Falcon Loan does not make you ineligible to receive a standard AFAS loan/grant while you are repaying your Falcon Loan.

For more information on the Falcon Loan program, please visit your Airman and Family Readiness Center or the AFAS Web site.

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The envelope please...

This year's *Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Adams "Silver Wings" Honorary Honor Guard* member recipient was presented to Chief Master Sgt. Jack Mills, 301st Fighter Wing's Command Chief Master Sgt. by Master Sgt. Ross Wood, 301st Honor Guard superintendent. Each recipient receives a mounted chromed Honor Guard bayonet with an engraved name plate. Past winners have included Brig. Gen. Neil Rohan, former 301st FW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Bradley Scott, former 301st FW CCMS. (U.S. Air Force Photo/Tech. Sgt. Stephen Bailey)



REENLISTMENTS and NEWCOMERS

Reenlistments

301 LRS

Senior Airman Megan M. Shorten
Staff Sgt. Richard A. Andrews
Staff Sgt. Stephen L. Grimes
Staff Sgt. Natalie N. Taylor
Tech. Sgt. Brian D. Petit

610 SFS

Staff Sgt. Nikki N. Brown
Staff Sgt. Kaejwana L. Davenport

301 AMXS

Senior Airman Christopher L. Churchman
Senior Airman Leonard B. Cousins, Jr.
Senior Airman James M. Fournier, Jr.
Senior Airman Joseph A. Henderson
Senior Airman Alvaro Mata
Senior Airman Ronnie C. Scott
Staff Sgt. Rigoberto G. Castaneda
Staff Sgt. John P. Morgan
Staff Sgt. Seth J. Thomason
Capt. Jenny M. Martin
73 APS
Airman 1st Class Norman D. Coleman
301 MXS
Airman Basic Joshua W. Dye

Airman Samantha J. Payne
Airman 1st Class Brady W. Gaiser
Senior Airman Bradley R. Loth
Senior Airman Allan K. Stout
301 FW
Tech. Sgt. Robert K. Watson

Newcomers

301 AMXS

Airman 1st Class Jonathan P. Smotts
Senior Airman Stanley Dalizu
Senior Airman Shawn F. Manley
Senior Airman Alvaro Mata
Staff Sgt. Joseph M. Archer
Staff Sgt. Rigoberto G. Castaneda
10 AF
Senior Master Sgt. Rafael Antonio Zuniga
Maj. Kyle J. Cioffero
457 FS
Maj. Brett A. Comer
610 SFS
Staff Sgt. Kaejwana L. Davenport
301 MXS
Airman 1st Class Colburn C. Helppieschmieder

Airman 1st Class Alicia D. Miller
Senior Airman Patty A. Gillespie
Senior Airman Yavon J. Leggs

301 LRS

Staff Sgt. Jose Luis Gonzalez
301 FW

Senior Airman Tia M. Kancilia
Lt. Col. Scott Edward Reddout

301 AMDS

Senior Airman Erin R. Mayes
Senior Airman Kristina M. Montgomery
Tech. Sgt. Angela A. Rabel

301 CES

Senior Airman Antonia Aguirre Meza-Ramos
Senior Airman Carlos H. Rodriguez-Rios

301 SFS

Senior Airman Paul Montalvo

73 APS

Senior Airman Gregory B. Quinn

810 CEF

Staff Sgt. Tiara M. Smith

301 CF

Senior Airman Darnell C. Smith

610 SVF

Master Sgt. Becky J. Wetzel